

SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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THIRD READING

SBs 37-39 (Jacobs)

Current law requires all cemeteries to establish an irrevocable endowment care fund. This bill adds a definition of "endowment care." Under the bill, endowment care means all general and specific work necessary to keep the cemetery property in presentable condition at all times, including but not limited to cutting the grass at reasonable intervals; raking, cleaning, filling, seeding and sodding of graves; replacement, pruning or removal of shrubs and trees to assure access to interment rights; and the repair and maintenance of enclosures, buildings, walkways, drives, and memorial gardens.

Support: Michigan Cemetery Association, Michigan Funeral Directors, Michigan Memorial Park, Department of Consumer and Industry Services, Forethought Insurance.

SB 37:

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- Jacobs 1A (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. This modifies the definition of "endowment care."
- SB 37 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 38:

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- Jacobs 1A (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. This modifies the definition of "endowment care."
- SB 38 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 39:

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- Jacobs 1A (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. This modifies the definition of "endowment care."
- SB 39 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 293 (Bishop)

The bill would require the Director of the Michigan Department of State Police to allow any local governmental public safety agency to use the Michigan Public Safety Communications System (MPSCS).

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- McManus 1A was withdrawn.
- Bishop 1B was adopted [no RC]. Technical amendment.
- Cropsey 1C was adopted [no RC]. This would include a Michigan Indian tribal police force.

• SB 293 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 364 (Jelinek)

Current law requires that school districts offer a minimum of 180 days and 1,098 hours of instruction. This bill removes the 180 day requirement. It also strikes the provision that 75% of the students need to be in attendance in order to count a day as a day of instruction for state aid purposes.

Opposed: State Board of Education, Michigan Catholic Conference, Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools, Michigan Federation of Teachers, Michigan Education Association.

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted [no RC].
- Jelinek 1A was adopted [no RC].
- SB 364 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 365 (Jelinek)

School districts are required to report data to a number of state departments. This bill would place the data collection responsibility with the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI), which is housed in the Department of Management and Budget.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- Jelinek 1A was adopted [no RC].
- SB 365 was moved to 3rd Reading.

SB 366 (Jelinek)

The bill would eliminate the state mandate for fifteen professional development days for teachers in their first three years of teaching, as well as the requirement that all teachers be provided five days of professional development per year.

Support: Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Association of School Administrators

Opposed: Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children, Michigan Education Association, Michigan Federation of Teachers, Michigan Association of School Boards.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 366 was moved to 3rd Reading.

RESOLUTIONS

SR 76 (Bishop)

A resolution memorializing the Governor to declare an emergency in Oakland county due to ice storm damage.

• SR 76 was adopted [no RC].